

Amendments to the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) kindly amend the specification as follows. Amendments to the specification are made by presenting replacement paragraphs or sections marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended paragraph or section are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 18-27 with the following paragraph on page 10, line 18:

The longitudinal cross section of the shape that best approximates the shape formed by the inside of curved fingers and palm is mildly elliptical. Therefore, referring now to Figs. 9A and 9B, the toothbrush handle extension (21) is slightly elliptical in cross section and generally elongated. The central portion of the handle (20) has the largest diameter of the handle (20) so that it fits into the curvature of a user's palm. In a preferred embodiment, the central portion of the handle (20) is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 1 inch in diameter and circular in cross section. There are at least four thumb grips (22). The thumb grips (22) are preferably concave areas with raised parallel ridges (23) to minimize slip and maximize friction under wet conditions. In a preferred embodiment, each thumb grip (22) has a layer of soft non-slip material covering it. The front portion (24) of the handle (20) attaches to a toothbrush head.